

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DENNY MARTIN, :
: Plaintiff, : 20-CV-10428 (JMF)
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-v- : ORDER
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BERKSHIRE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF :
AMERICA, :
: Defendant. :
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

In light of the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Court will not hold the upcoming conference in this case in person. Because the Court is closed on December 30, 2021, Counsel should submit their joint status letter on ECF no later than **Wednesday, December 29, 2021**, the contents of which are described in the Case Management Plan and Scheduling Order. *See* ECF No. 15. In their joint letter, the parties should also indicate whether they can do without a conference altogether. Unless and until the Court orders otherwise, all existing dates and deadlines — including, as appropriate, the deadlines for summary judgment motions and/or a proposed joint pretrial order, as set forth in the Case Management Plan and Scheduling Order — remain in effect.

After reviewing the parties' joint status letter, the Court will issue an order indicating whether the conference is cancelled and addressing any other relevant deadlines and information. If a conference is held, it will be by telephone, albeit perhaps at a different time. To that end, if counsel believe that a conference would be appropriate, they should indicate in their joint status letter dates and times during the week of the currently scheduled conference that they would be available for a telephone conference. In either case, counsel should review and comply with the Court's Individual Rules and Practices in Civil Cases, available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman>.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 20, 2021
New York, New York



JESSE M. FURMAN
United States District Judge